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DEPT PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, PORG, OAU, ET, SO  
SUBJ: SOMALI PLEASURE WITH OAU SEEMS UNWARRANTED

REF: A) KHARTOUM 3325 (NOTAL); B) KHARTOUM 3293 (NOTAL)  
C) MOGADISCIO 1675

SUMMARY: SOMALI ANALYSIS OF OAU SUMMIT OUTCOME ON ETHIOPIA/  
SOMALIA DISPUTE DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONFORM WITH REALITY OF  
SUMMIT DECISIONS CLEARLY FAVORING ETHIOPIAN POSITION. AL-  
THOUGH ETHIOPIA WAS TEMPORARILY CAUGHT OFF-BALANCE BY GUINEAN  
RESOLUTION, ITS DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO GAIN SUPPORT OF SUM-  
MIT ON FINAL RESOLUTION (REFTEL A). OAU DID NOT GIVE EITHER  
TACIT OR EXPLICIT RECOGNITION TO SOMALI-SUPPORTED LIBERA-  
TION MOVEMENTS (WSLF AND SALF). IT SEEMS SOMALIS CONTINUE  
TO INTERPRET OAU PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES FROM PERSPECTIVE  
NOT SHARED BY MAJORITY OF OAU MEMBER STATES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN LIGHT OF ACTUAL OAU SUMMIT DECISION ON ETHIOPIA/  
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SOMALIA GOOD OFFICES RECOMMENDATIONS (REFTEL A), IT IS  
DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND CAUSES FOR SOMALI PLEASURE WITH  
OUTCOME OF OAU SUMMIT (REFTEL C). GUINEANS DID SUBMIT THREE-  
PART RESOLUTION TO GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE WHICH CALLED FOR  
CESSATION OF WAR-LIKE HOSTILITIES, MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF 5  
KMS FROM BORDER AND CONTINUATION OF NIGERIAN MEDIATION  
EFFORTS, INCLUDING SUPERVISION OF WITHDRAWAL. ETHIOPIAN

DELEGATION REJECTED GUINEAN RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT DID NOT INCLUDE OAU PRINCIPLES OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND INVIOABILITY OF EXISTING FRONTIERS, AND IT AMOUNTED TO INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NIGERIA PROPOSED FOURTH PART BE ADDED TO GUINEAN RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS OF GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE, WHICH THEN MADE RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ETHIOPIANS. HOWEVER, SOMALIA OBJECTED TO NIGERIA'S AMENDMENT. SUMMIT AGREED BY CONSENSUS TO ACCEPT GOOD OFFICES RECOMMENDATIONS (REFTEL A). THEREFORE, IT APPEARS OVERSHELMING MAJORITY OF OAU SUPPORTED ETHIOPIAN POSITION IN FINAL ANALYSIS.

2. SOMALI-SUPPORTED WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF) AND SOMALI ABO LIBERATION FRONT (SALF) SENT ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH TO KHARTOUM AS MEMBERS OF SOMALI DELEGATION TRAVELING ON SOMALI PASSPORTS. NEITHER PERSON WAS GRANTED ACCESS TO ANY OF OAU DELIBERATIONS, EITHER MINISTERIAL OR HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT. OAU HAS NOT GIVEN EITHER FRONT TACIT RECOGNITION AND THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO SYMPATHY FOR THEIR CAUSES AMONG OAU PARTICIPANTS.

3. OAU LEGAL COMMITTEE MAY HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF SOMALIA'S RESERVATION TO 1964 CAIRO DECLARATION ON TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, BUT AS SIGNATORY TO OAU CHARTER IN 1963 AND CONTINUING MEMBER OF OAU, SOMALIA HAS GIVEN AT LEAST TACIT AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY CHARTER PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING OAU CONFIDENTIAL

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NON-ACCEPTANCE OF FORCIBLE BORDER CHANGES. PRESIDENT SIAD APPEARED TO ACCEPT THIS BY STATING IN HIS SPEECH TO SUMMIT THAT SOMALIA HAS NO CLAIM ON TERRITORY OF ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS. OAU DECISION TO REAFFIRM ITS FOUNDING PRINCIPLES REGARDING BORDERS WOULD INDICATE THAT SOMALIA HAS NOT MADE ANY GAINS IN PRESSING ITS CASE.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE.

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